proposal for budgetary support demanded by the Railways during 2000-01 and 2001-02, and received by them is as under.

(Rs in crore)

| Year | Budgetary support asked for | Budgetary support received (Budget Estimate) |
|---|---|---|
| 200001 | 4450 | 329! |
| 2001-02 | 3540 | 3540 |

The above does not include the one-time grant, sought for renewal/ replacement of overaged assets. During the year 2001-02 the Government has approved the setting up of a Rs. 17,000 crore fund for this purpose and contributed Rs. 1000 crore (out of the total Rs. 1400 crore for the year) towards this fund. It has also extended additional budgetary support of Rs. 898 crore to accelerate the completion of certain identified projects.

**Superfast trains from Bhopal**

† 286. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme is under Government's consideration to run superfast trains from Bhopal to Mumbai, Kolkata and Jaipur,

(b) if not, whether the Ministry of Railways would conduct the survey regarding these demands and requirements; and .

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL ): (a) to (c) Introduction of Habibganj-Lokmanya Tilak (T) Express (weekly) (serving Bhopal-Mumbai), Bhopal - Howrah Express (weekly) and Durg-Jaipur Express (weekly) *via* Bhopal have been included in the Railways Budget 2002-2003.

**Railway projects to private parties**

287. SHRI CRAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ministry of Railways has awarded some important projects to private parties under BOLT Scheme during the last two years;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.